THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The Government has decided, in principle, to set up 16 Central Universities-one each in those States as have no Central University-during the Eleventh Plan. Orissa being one of such States, a Central University would, thus, be set up therein.

Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas

2822. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas functioning in the country;

(b) whether Government has proposed to open new Navodaya Vidyalayas and Kendriya Vidyalayas to cater the needs of the students; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) There are 972 functional Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) and 554 functional Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) in the country.

(b) and (c) Opending of a KV depends upon receipt of a viable proposal from the sponsor *i.e.* State Government/Public Sector Undertakings etc. committing free land & temporary accommodation, availability of adequate number of students of specified categories, approval of competent authority and availability of funds. Opening of a JNV is also based on receipt of a viable proposal from the concerned State/UT Government offering suitable land free of cost along with provision of temporary building till the construction of permanent building, and is further subject to sanction of competent authority and availability of funds.

Financial assistance under SSA for modernization of Madarsas

2823. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has given any financial assistance under SSA for modernization of Madarsas and appointment of Urdu language teachers in the country; and

(b) if so, details thereof, State-wise and location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The Central Government assists the modernization of Madarsas through separate scheme of 'Area Intensive & Madarsas Modernization Programme'. The details of allocations under this programme are enclosed as Statement-I *(See* below).

The appointment of Urdu language teachers is done under the Scheme of "Appointment of Language Teachers (Urdu)". 1926 Urdu teachers have been sanctioned in the year 2007-08. The details are enclosed as Statement-II.

Statement-I

Financial assistance given by Central Government for modernisation of Madarsas under 'Area Intensive and Madarsas Modernisation Programme Scheme.

(Rs. in lakhs)

State	2007-08
Andhra Pradesh	48.60
Bihar	79.92
Orissa	104.40
Tripura	42.75
Uttar Pradesh	3010.54

Statement-II

Appointment of Urdu Teachers under the scheme of Appointment of Language Teachers during 2007-08

SI. No.	Name of the States	Number of Urdu Teachers sanctioned
1	Andhra Pradesh	1400
2	Himachal Pradesh	100
3	Chhattisgarh	426
TOTAL:		1926

Uniform criteria for grants by UGC

t2824. MISS ANUSU1YA UIKEY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether uniform criteria are followed for small cities and big cities at the time of providing grant for organizing national research conferences and seminars by University Grant Commission;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, whether the status of metro cities and small cities does not vary;

(c) whether institutions co-operating in organizing such programmes are available possibly in small towns and cities also in comparison to the big and metro cities; and

(d) whether separate criteria would be considered for providing grants in the said head to the colleges of metro cities and small cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) According to the University Grants Commission (UGC), the Commission providers grants to eligible institutions in connection with organising conferences/seminars, in small or large cities as per its guidelines.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.